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PS Battalion in Halze.

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1. Prior to 16 November 1951, the headquarters of the 2d PS Bn was located in the castle of Halze (N 50/P 44). It was subordinate to the 2d PS Brig, in Plana (N 51/P 55), which, in turn, was subordinate to Unit in Prague under the command of Colonel Hlavacka (fnu). Officers of the brigade included Lieutenant Subrt (fnu), who, in late October 1951, was detached to a war academy in Moscow; Senior Lieutenant Epereny (fnu), political officer; and Lieutenant Moravcik (fnu) OZ officer. The brigade headquarters units included a guard unit of 30 men, a signal-communications detail of about 15 men, a motor transport detail of 10 men and a labor platoon of 15 men. The 1st Bn of the 2d PS Brig was located in Dolni Zandov (N 51/P 46); the 2d Bn in Halze; the 3d Bn in Lesna (N 50/P 43); and the 4th Bn, commanded by Lieutenant Motyka (fnu), in Rozvadov (N 50/P 43). (1)

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2. The 2d PS Bn in Halze was commanded by Lieutenant Vaclav Dienstbier who, in October 1951, was detached to Moscow and was succeeded by Senior Lieutenant Mikula (fnu). Companies subordinate to the battalion were the headquarters company of 40 to 50 signal personnel, drivers and guards; one PS company in Pavluv Studenec (N 50/P 44) with a strength of 35 to 40 men; one PS company in Branka, about 4 km west-northwest of Halze; one PS company near Jalevy Dvur (N 50/P 44); one PS company in Broumov (N 50/P 55); and one PS company in Tisina in the forest northwest of Broumov. A PS company of the 3d Bn was in Pavlova Hut (N 50/P 44) adjoining the battalion to the south.
3. The headquarters company was armed with model 98-N rifles, models 48-A and 48-B submachine guns, about 6 model 26 light machine guns, and 2 model 37 heavy machine guns. The headquarters was equipped with 4 Skoda-Tudor jeeps, 3 Skoda and Tatra trucks and 2 Java motorcycles. Its signal equipment consisted of former German and some Soviet model Tajga-43 telephone sets. The switchboard was of Czech make.
4. On 21 October 1951, the battalion received recruits who had been inducted in July 1951, but the personnel strength remained the same because men were discharged at the same time. In November 1951, about 80 percent of the personnel were Czechs and 20 percent were Slovaks. (2)

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5. An NCO course of about 200 men was conducted under the command of Captain Polozinec (fnu) in the castle of Chodova Plana (N 50/P 55) in the spring of 1951, and was to be completed in July. A signal-communications course and a course for mortar crews were also held in Chodova Plana from February to May 1951. (3)
6. Prior to October 1951, a strip of land about 6 to 8 km wide along the border, was referred to as the border zone. In late October 1951 this zone was subdivided and a strip about 200 to 500 meters wide, along the border, was placed off-limits and could be entered only if one were escorted by a member of the local PS company. Behind this off-limits zone, was the border zone, about 5 or 6 km wide, which could be entered only with a special permit. Large quantities of barbed wire began to arrive in Halze in the summer of 1951 and were later distributed to the various PS companies. In July 1951, Captain Pivecko (fnu), together with three civilians, rode in a sedan through the area controlled by the battalion.

Infantry Regiment in Liberec.

7. Prior to 15 November 1950, an infantry regiment with the surname Argonsky [redacted] was stationed in Liberec (O 51/G 16). It was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Adamec (fnu). Commanding officer of A Company of this regiment was Captain Kusy (fnu). The regiment included 10 training companies which were designated by capital letters instead of numbers. There were about 120 recruits in each company.

The regiment was quartered in a barracks installation opposite the municipal swimming pool in the northern sector of the city. (4)

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Comments.

- (1) [redacted]
- (2) This report confirms the belief that members of PS units due for discharge are released in the fall after the recruits inducted in July have completed their basic training. Consequently, the term of service with PS units is 27 months.
- (3) This confirms a report of February 1951 concerning signal-communications courses in the castle of Chodova Plana. See [redacted]
- (4) This is probably the 22d Argonsky Inf Bn which is carried in the Stefanikovy Barracks, Liberec. [redacted]. It has repeatedly been reported that recruits were pooled for basic training prior to their being reassigned to the various units.

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